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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re U.S. Patent Application of**

**TAKAMOTO et al.**

**Application Number: 10/031,381**

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**For: A METHOD AND STORAGE SYSTEM THAT ENABLE  
SHARING FILES AMONG MULTIPLE SERVERS**

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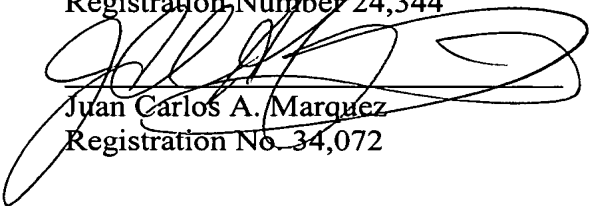
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